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absent. So I think that at least a majority of the committee, and a good majority, had that same philosophy. I also want to call to your attention that other class cities have, within the provisions for them to operate, like provisions. So that they are all in that same category. We did check that out. It is true. I would ask you to consider the infringement upon home rule charter of the City of Omaha when you make your decision, and again recognizing the courage that it took for Senator Fenger to make this motion this morning. With that, Mr. President, thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Jacobson.

SENATOR JACOBSON: Mr. President, members of the body...

PRESIDENT: May we have order in the Chamber, a little less noise under the balconies, please. (Gavel.) A little less noise under the balconies please. Senator Jacobson.

SENATOR JACOBSON: I rise to support Senator Fenger's motion on this proposition. We have enough taxes, I think, now on individuals and corporations. It must be astounding, the amount of taxes that a corporation would have to, or any company would have to lay on the line before they can start a business. Wheel tax, we used to have pull tax, we have dog tax, we have a tax to hunt, and a tax to fish. I don't think that \$48 a year, coming out of a company, \$24.00 of it coming from each individual employee, and \$24.00 from the employer, is a thing we ought to do. Just another tax. This thing will head out west. It will take in other cities. I'm sure Grand Island, Hastings, Scottsbluff, North Platte and those would follow suit if this is not stopped at the beginning. Therefore, I appeal to you to vote with Senator Fenger on this motion. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, and the Chair recognizes Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President, colleagues, I, of course have to oppose Senator Fenger's motion and I, too,